

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 29, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve and instruct the Chair to sign five-year agreement with PROTOTYPES, and accept funding in amount of \$80,000 per year for a total amount of \$400,000, to implement Project Striving Together-Achieving Recovery, effective upon Board approval through September 29, 2012; and authorize the Public Defender to serve as Project Director and to execute the agreement and any required extensions, revisions or amendments that do not increase the Net County Cost.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The County's structure for legal representation to indigent adults consists of the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. However, the proposed Project STAR program, designed for female domestic violence survivors, will be available exclusively for the defendants represented by the Public Defender's Office."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board referred back to the Chief Executive Officer his aforementioned recommendation, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to report back in two weeks on the following:

- An evaluation of the possibility of providing equal access to the Project STAR program to qualified participants regardless of representation (Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office and the Los Angeles County Bar Association); and
- 2. If it is determined that the above is not possible, the report should articulate the reasons for that determination.

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